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B.B.'s only a symbol!

She pouts and she laughs. Wild the wind flings her carefully blonded hair. Men stop and watch when she walks with lissome grace. La Bardot! La femme fatale! But she's more than Brigitte Bardot the deliberately created sex symbol. She's the fulfilment of every male adolescent dream. She's woman. Not a woman, with her own fragile personality, but a contoured body machine — the big boy's doll. Impersonal. Plaything. Inaccessible.



and God as He really is. This confrontation is inescapable.

The life of Brigitte Bardot the person, not the symbol, will be judged according to the values of Jesus Christ. And each person, living or dead, will be compelled to admit to his terror or joy, that Jesus Christ is no symbol. He is life!

Hadn't you better get to know Him, soon?



the war cry

CANADA AND BERMUDA

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IN THIS ISSUE

WITH Christmas preparations now in full swing the editorial staff is feeling more in the spirit of the festivities than they did during the sultry summer days when the Christmas Number was compiled. (This, the December 21st issue, is now on sale. Already all the 448,000 copies printed have left the plant, so we hope none of our readers will miss seeing one). Being now more in the spirit, we are allowing Christmas to creep into our pages a week earlier.

We just had to point out—and this is becoming a regular theme—that many people never enjoy the blessings of the season because, as the front page says, we substitute symbols for the reality. We say this again on the opposite page! But it isn't just what we miss ourselves that matters; the kind of Christmas we demand can put a heavy burden on at least one member of the household, as Mrs. Commissioner Wiseman's story on page 12 reminds us.

Actually, there is no better way of spending the festive season than in doing something for others. Another story about William Booth, similar to that on page 14, tells how he began to spend every Christmas Day helping the poor and the sick. If you cannot do that yourself why not make the prayer on page 5 your own?



A good way to spend Christmas — looking after the interests of the needy. League of Mercy members prepare "sunshine bags."

Page Two

Potential Menace to Family Stability

Contrary to the opinions expressed by those who do not share its views The Salvation Army is not interested in "kill-joy" activities. Its well-known concern regarding increasing facilities for gambling, smoking and drinking are based on its belief that these indulgences are, in the long run, deleterious to the welfare and happiness of the family. This belief is continually confirmed in its long experience in tackling social problems.

It is therefore its duty to warn the government of the consequences of legislation which will doubtless increase evils which the Organization has always sought to combat.

To this end the following brief has been presented, prepared by the recently instituted Commission on Moral Standards and Social Issues.

SINCE its inception The Salvation Army has done all in its power to combat and correct the evils rooted in over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages. We know, from association and experience, how strong is the downward drag of dependence upon strong drink.

There is conclusive proof that alcohol is habit forming, and, for many, results in addiction.

1. LOWERING OF DRINKING AGE

In the light of practical experience The Salvation Army must oppose any lowering of the drinking age*, particularly when such action brings the high school age group within its scope and, by including young people, greatly increases the danger of addiction through the using of alcohol before character is fully formed. The Salvation Army contends that, with the current upsurge of juvenile delinquency; the emergence of apparently uncontrollable youth movements and ideas; the present low standards of morality; the tendency to set aside personal responsibility and maintain defiance of constituted authority, any suggestion to lower the age of permissive drinking is undesirable.

We would urge that the school curriculum should include a course dealing with alcoholism, such as is, at present, available to school boards through The Alcoholic and Drug Addiction Foundation. Information at hand indicates that few schools are now taking advantage of these courses. We submit this should be made an integral part of the regular course of studies.

2. SALE OF LIQUOR ON SUNDAY

The Salvation Army deprecates anything that tends to lessen the sanctity of the Lord's Day. We have recently noted, with regret, the legalizing of Sunday horse racing with attendant gambling. We deplore the apparent yielding of our legislature to organized pressures and when it comes to Sunday sale of liquor we must strongly protest.

We see, in the legalizing of Sunday sales, further breakdown in the preservation of the tradi-

*It is reported that Premier John Robarts has already said that it is not his intention to lower the legal drinking age.

tional day of rest so important to the well being of our country. This feature of our way of life has done much to hold together the family unit.

Extension of sales to Sunday implies an extension of drinking hours. The most ardent supporter of legal easement must admit six days in each week provides ample opportunity for the controlled consumer, while conceding that addicts should have no extension of time for uncontrolled indulgence.

The menace thus interjected into heavy Sunday traffic cannot be ignored. The supporters of this Bill must accept the responsibility for the inevitable increase in the toll of human life.

3. SALE OF BEER IN GROCERY STORES, SUPERMARKETS, ETC.

The Salvation Army opposes the use of grocery stores and supermarkets for the sale of beer. The impact upon children who frequent these places cannot but be deleterious. The impression given that beer is a staple food to be equated with milk, bread etc., is erroneous and, we feel, altogether out of line with what most parents would desire.

Any such increase in outlets, as suggested, will result in a greater volume of sales which in turn, will be reflected in more home drinking, thus aggravating a social problem now causing continuing and increasing concern to all social agencies.

TO SUMMARIZE:

The Salvation Army believes present laws are adequate for those who do not wish to abuse the liberty thus extended. Any easement of these laws lessens governmental control, a situation that would be detrimental to the life of the individual, the family and the nation.

Laws covering the sale and

consumption of liquor should be framed with consideration for the protection of the rights of those who do NOT indulge in the consumption of alcohol. The Salvation Army recommends the strict enforcement of penalties incurred through breaking these laws and, indeed, would urge consideration be given to the inclusion, in revised legislation, of provision for mandatory and heavier penalties covering conviction on the charge of impaired or drunken driving.

The Salvation Army, along with other religious and social service organizations, is concerned with the strengthening of family life, and believes any relaxation of present controls would constitute a potential menace to family stability.

The Salvation Army submits this brief in the full confidence the same will have the careful consideration of the Cabinet Committee charged with the task of reviewing the liquor laws of Ontario. The foregoing has been prepared and submitted on the authority of Commissioner Clarence D. Wiseman, Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda, by the duly appointed Commission on Moral Standards and Social Issues.

An Army "Tattoo"

"A CONVINCING demonstration to all present, and to those who will read about it, that there is no generation gap in the Army" is how General Frederick Coutts described an imaginative presentation "The Glory of Youth Year" at the youth festival held in the Royal Albert Hall, London, England, last month. With the arena and platform-apron as a stage, on which every aspect of Army youth work was displayed, the event was more of a tattoo than a pageant.

The programme included flashbacks to the British Congress of Youth and the Cavalcade at the Crystal Palace. During the latter part of the evening, when Scotland had a special place with pipers and dancing, the Chief of the Staff (Commissioner Erik Wickberg) presided.

The War Cry

Have a very merry Christmas!

HAVE a very merry Christmas, kiddies! And what's there to be merry about, in this year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight?

Come, come, oh you of little faith—do you not see and perceive this wonderful, dazzling world, prepared just for you—as long as you have a little cash, or access to a revolving, perpetual and omnipresent charge account.

What a fine display of goodies there is

spread out before our longing eyes as daily we eagerly strip leaves off the calendar pad in anticipation of the glorious twenty-fifth!

Just in case you are one of those more thoughtful souls who leave all your shopping to the last feverish and furious moment, then rest in peace—here is your Christmas Eve shopping list.

But mind you read it carefully and please, don't—whatever you do—don't be beguiled by the soft music of those bewitching carols.

Photo: Miller Services, Toronto



For Sinners only!

MOST people will agree that babies are just great! Sure, the diapers are sometimes a problem and they do like to stay awake during the night when Mom and Dad are trying to sleep. But, on the whole, there are not too many people who can't stand the little bald heads and grinning faces of the newborn.

Babies do grow up, though! Too quickly for parents who have to clothe them. It seems that there's always a demand for new shoes and clothing. This too is normal. No parent in his right mind would want the baby to remain an infant.

It is strange that many of these parents, and adults who have never been parents, are quite content to keep Jesus Christ as a Christmas baby, sleeping in swaddling clothes in an antiseptic manger. They never allow Him to grow up. While, because of the sentimental gush of Christmas, they accept His presence as a baby they utterly refuse to meet Him as the alive and adult Son of God.

That would be too uncomfortable and too demanding. Of course, if you keep Jesus in the manger then He will never disturb you or challenge your way of life. Maybe that's the way you want it? Or is it?

—JEREMIAH

Stick to the business at hand and make this a merry, merry Christmas.

First we present for your wondering gaze an infinitely varied and cunningly devised assortment of well-planned devices guaranteed to kill him with the first shot—your enemy we mean! The mind fairly boggles at the sheer volume of this year's abundance of attractive killing machines! There are rocket launchers; M-422 anti-tank rifles; grenade throwers; miniature napalm bombs; lovely sharp knives which stab quite well; soft rubber enemies which can be shot and bayoneted a hundred times without too much visible damage. Just the thing for the inquiring and malleable minds of those little four-to-ten-year-olds. Little children will thank you, with shouts of joy, for your thoughtfulness.

For the women

And, dear reader, for the women of your household. The lovely woman . . . as well as those who think they are lovely but are not and . . . the rest who know they're not but wish they were and . . . well, you know them! A glorious galaxy of sparkling pre-Christmas temptations that will fairly lure that trusty ragged-around-the-edges credit card from your pocket. After all, who is old-fashioned enough to use money these days?

"Allure," "Temptation," "My Sin," "All Lost"—no, most noble friend, this is not a dissertation into the realms of original sin. We'll leave that to the advertisers . . . and the theologians.

Surely these simple words give the pulse a little quickening here and there! After all, even to read the names of the most exotic perfumes ever to grace the mortal nostrils of a smog-bound North American male, is enough to stir that winter-weary tired blood!

But wait—stay awhile. We have just begun to look! There's instant colour for those with pale cheeks; instant eye lashes (long and guaranteed not to drop into your morning coffee) for benighted souls who dare walk around bare-eyed; simply gorgeous hair-styles in the latest colours—and using nothing but the very best mountain goat hair, grown on the wild, free peaks of the Canadian Rockies.

Think of it—a North American first—the completely synthetic woman! And you can actually help your loved one to reach this pinnacle of perfection. How can you wait?

The ultimate gift

And now—what we've all been waiting for—the *pièce de résistance*—the ultimate gift. Dear foot-sore, fellow shopper at Christmastide, our dream has come true.

At last it is possible, with a mighty flourish of the trusty ball-point, for us to sign away all our love in one last signature. Then gently lay to rest your loyal credit card. The colour television set is here!

Is it finally true that we may now, in the comfort of our own living rooms, watch Red Skelton blow his nose in living colour? You'll positively squirm with delight as your favourite dog devours, with a brilliant scarlet tongue and sharp white teeth, his favourite multi-hued dog food. Who'd have thought that we would actually be able to hear these most life-like slurps and grunts through solid-state hi-fi?

The real beauty of this ultimate gift, though, is hidden to the eye of the uninformed. Only those in the know realize that this does away with Christmas presents for at least the next ten years. Instead you'll be able to present your beloved with a beautifully embossed credit reminder—complete with Christmas motif. Be sure to wrap it in the most expensive paper before laying it under the tree—this gives dignity to such a solemn act.

But in the distance

But wait—in the distance is heard the sound of tinkling bells . . . and the cry of a new-born Baby . . . the mooing of a cow . . . unearthly singing (can it be angels?). . . . Listen . . . oh, now it's drowned out by those sleigh bells again and do you hear it—hearty gales of laughter? "Ho, ho, ho . . . ho, ho, ho . . . merry Christmas to all . . . and to all a good night."

Slumber on, dear one, lest the Baby's cries waken you from that sleep of death. (See Ephesians 5: 14).—M.R.

THE CHAIN REACTION

ONLY a pair of socks,
(I think they were size 11)
But they started a chain reaction
That led a man to heaven.

They were slipped in his hand
for Christmas
As in through the door he trod,
And one thing led to another,
Till the man was led to God.

BIBLE SCHOOL

SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN - 2

IN our last study, John distinguished between the "advanced thinkers" and the "conservatives" of his day. Some had failed to see that truth in Christ is an unchanging revelation, not an intellectual attainment (vv. 7-9).

In verses 10-13, he warns them of COMPROMISE. Here he suggests "if there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (teaching relative to the Incarnation), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." He feels that the most effective way to deal with these false teachers is to refuse them hospitality. In fact, John suggests we do not even greet them on the street.

To some, this passage seems to run counter to all we have learned relative to Christian love and charity. C. H. Dodd for example suggests this is an emergency regulation, and "emergency regulations make bad laws." The problem we face of course is how to live with people whose convictions differ from ours, and yet at the same time remain loyal to the truth. We can never compromise with truth, yet we are never freed from the obligation of leading men into truth. Sometimes our differences are due, not to basic differences, but to misunderstanding.

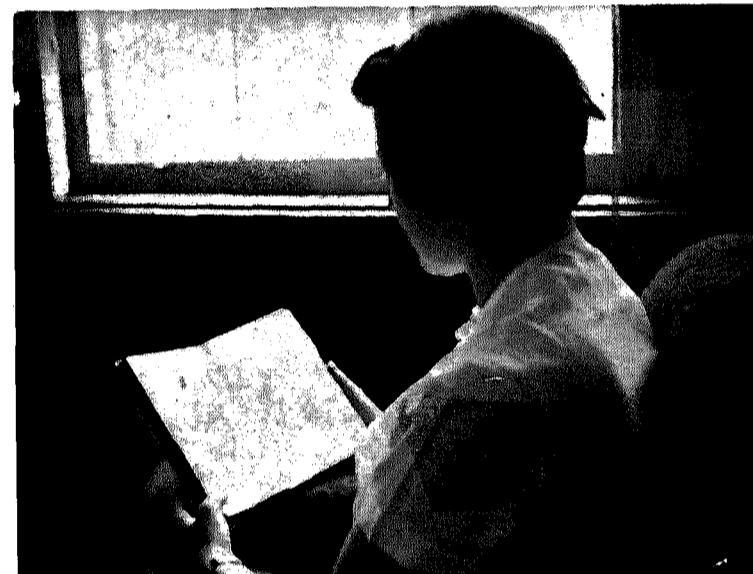
Misunderstanding

Cromwell for example never understood John Fox, the Quaker, and as a result much disliked him. The day came when they met, and after he had spoken to him he said, "If you and I had but an hour together, we would be better friends than we are." It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "The best way to destroy our enemies is to make them our friends." Thus there are many occasions when our differences are due to misunderstanding. In our present study, however, the Apostle does appear to take a hard line on these people who differ from us in our understanding of truth. To interpret such a passage, two or three basic facts should be kept in mind.

John is referring to *teachers* of false doctrine, not merely to believers in it. The person who is not to be received is not a casual visitor but an official teacher. Every Christian would surely welcome someone who holds false views, but not those who are en-

gaged in the systematic dissemination of falsehood. It is these people to whom we must give no encouragement.

Then we must realize that John is referring to teachers of false doctrine about the Incarnation, and not to everyone who differs from us in matters which are not so basic. As C. H. Dodd has suggested: "It is inaccurate to write about ostracizing people whose opinions we dislike." It is the en-



tertainment of antichrist which is forbidden us.

Alexander adds some rather challenging comments: "If John's instructions still seem harsh, it is perhaps because his concern for the glory of the Son and the good of men's souls is greater than ours, and because the tolerance on which we pride ourselves is in reality an indifference to truth." We must learn to deal with people in love without any suggestion of compromise.

In the book, *The Goal and the Glory*, Bill Krisher speaks of the danger of compromise in the ranks of pro. football. He says: "A familiar sight to pro. football players each summer is the incoming rookie. Many youngsters, of course, are fine fellows. But there are always a few who come into the club ready to tear up the world. They've got their press clippings and trophies packed in their suitcases and they are ready to claw and scramble and promote themselves to the top of the heap as soon as possible. Boys who may never before have taken a drink or been promiscuous are now ready to throw away their scruples for a chance to get in with the 'right' clique. Com-

is "that our joy may be full" (v. 12). We often give too little concern for the fellowship of the saints. We may even make the mistake of thinking that withdrawal from contacts with the brethren enhances the spiritual life, but this is not so. Christianity is a love relationship, first between the saved themselves. The New Testament knows nothing of perfect joy outside the fellowship of the saints.

by Captain Bramwell Tillsley

lowship with each other through fellowship with the Father and the Son (1 John 1: 3, 4).

So the letter closes with words, as it were from one sister's children to another's. This is because all Christians are members of one family in the faith.

Introduction to the Third Epistle of John

LIKE the second Epistle, this Epistle is short enough to have been written on a single sheet of papyrus. Both Epistles deal with the same subject, namely the visits of itinerant teachers, and

what treatment is to be given to them. In both Epistles, the Apostle is concerned with "truth and love" and their relationship to hospitality. There are one or two basic differences in emphasis however.

In the second Epistle, he simply writes to "the elect lady and her children" whereas in the Third letter he makes reference to specific individuals (Gaius—1; Diotrophes—9; Demetrius—12). In the second letter, the Church is warned not to extend hospitality to false teachers while in the third letter the elder commends Gaius for the hospitality he has shown to the teachers of truth. In this way, the positive instruction of the third letter is complementary to the more negative instruction of the second. As John R. Stott suggests: "The two letters must be read together if we are to gain a balanced understanding of the duties and limits of Christian hospitality.

Message to Gaius verses 1-8

GAIUS was one of the commonest names in the N.T. era. In the N.T. itself, there are references to three men with this name (Acts 19: 29; Acts 20: 4; Rom. 16: 23). Although these letters have been referred to as "stern" letters, they are highly seasoned with love. Here the Apostle shows a real concern for Gaius. He indicates his interest in his physical well-being as well as his spiritual life (v. 2).

In verse 4 he indicates the real joy of the teacher: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Of course, as we have suggested in a previous lesson, truth is not simply something to be intellectually assimilated. It is rather that which clothes the whole of life. Wm. Barclay has suggested: "The truth is that which makes a man

think like God and act like God." What greater joy could a teacher receive than to see his students walking in truth. Truth like genuine gold, will always bear the touchstone, and appear the brighter the more it is examined.

*Thou art the Way, none other
dare I follow;
Thou art the TRUTH and
Thou hast made me free;
Thou art the Life, the hope of
my tomorrow,
Thou art the Christ who died
for me.
This is my creed, that 'mid
earth's sin and sorrow,
My life may guide men unto
Thee.*

aids

TO DEVOTIONS

by Captain Margaret Burt

Halifax, N.S.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37: 5

BOOKKEEPING! What does that have to do with soul-winning? How can you lead people to Christ sitting in an office? Was I not called to preach? These are some of the questions that filled my mind a year ago when I was transferred from corps work to bookkeeping. For weeks and even months a struggle went on within my life. Each day brought further doubts and discouragements; surely God had made a mistake I felt. I searched God's word for help and guidance, then came the day the struggle ended. The secret? Found alone in Psalm 37.

As I read Psalm 37 my eyes kept falling on the fifth verse, *Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass*, and especially three words — commit, trust and bring. I had read the verse often, and years ago had underlined it in red in my Bible. But, it came with new meaning on that particular day. I had been doubting, but not trusting. With God's Holy Spirit very close, alone in my apartment, I did exactly what the verse said, I committed myself afresh to Him, my office, my books, my all, and replaced doubt with trust. After I did my part, God proved His promise, for the promise is only for those who have committed all to His keeping and are trusting in Him.

Looking back I can see the fulfilment of the promise in many ways. I can vividly remember two hours when my books were set aside. A young unmarried mother, who had just given up her child

for adoption, wandered into the office, looking for someone to talk to. The girl was completely at the end of herself and was running away from it all. She had quit her job that morning, left home and had been roaming the street for hours, when she saw the Salvation Army sign and sought help. What an opportunity to introduce her to Christ and assure her that He would give her a purpose for living!

Will I ever forget the tears of another young person facing a difficult decision sitting in front of my desk? No! The office became an sanctuary as we searched God's word together and my desk became a Mercy Seat, as we communed with Him.

The office was not the only place where opportunities came for soul-winning. Doors were opened outside the working hours of the office. Corps work with the young people, "specialling" throughout the division, personal contact with teenagers, gave moments when I was able to talk about Christ and His love.

God kept His word! I committed and before me lay challenges that I never realized were possible. How forcibly God showed me that He can use a person best, when they are in the place of His choosing.

My office — only a place where I practise putting debits and credits in the proper column? No — a sacred place, where God has unlimited surprises and challenges with many yet to be revealed.

Two more young officers, in different types of appointments, share their experience of how God's promise became God's provision.

GOD'S PROMISE PROVISION

by Captain Ralph Hewlett

Goderich, Ont.

And who is sufficient for these things?

2 Corinthians 2: 16

Our sufficiency is of God.

2 Corinthians 3: 5

THE role of a corps officer presents many challenges. It includes a thousand and one avenues of service calling for the highest and best in my devotion. Often I have asked myself the question *Who is sufficient for these things?* Again and again my sole sufficiency has been found in God. Perhaps a few incidents will illustrate it.

A man with a serious problem of alcohol came to me recently for help. We have spent hours discussing, reading the Bible, and praying together. He hasn't mastered his problem yet but I am praying that he soon will. *Who is sufficient for these things?*

A young married woman one morning came to the door trembling and in tears. Her marriage seemed to be on the rocks. She was determined to leave her husband. My wife and I reasoned with her. At the end of the next day she had control of herself and was in possession of several possible solutions to her problem.

Who is sufficient for these things? Several months ago I stood at the hospital bedside of a man soon to die. He had lived long in sin and had paid little attention to spiritual things. His sister is a Salvation Army missionary in Africa. The responsibility of explaining the gospel weighed very heavily upon me. He accepted Christ as his Saviour and died a much happier man two days later. *Who is sufficient for these things?*

Every week it is my solemn responsibility and privilege to open up God's word and speak from it to His people. There is so much that I don't understand. My words are so halting. Yet through His strength alone the task is done. *Who is sufficient for these things?*

Every day presents new challenges. Fresh wisdom, strength, and grace must be sought and found each day. The work of a corps officer is very demanding. It requires more of me than I have to give. *Who is sufficient for these things?* There was a time in which I could never have faced it. Since then I have learned that there need never be the word "can't" in the Christian's vocabulary.

My sufficiency is of God.

WEEKLY PRAYER SUBJECT

Patients in hospital.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thou art near to encompass our lonely spirits when the body is weak through suffering. May Thy beauty and peace pierce through the darkness in long, dreary hours, bringing comfort and healing to the sick.

Where shall we cradle Thee?

Christ of Humanity! Where shall we cradle Thee?

Crowded are crib and bed,
Save where the beasts are fed.
There lay Thy lowly head;
Stronger, sky-heralded;
None else will cradle Thee!

Christ of Divinity! Where shall we cradle Thee?

Starry Thy way and high,
Thine the unbounded sky,
How canst Thou easy lie
Unto our frailties nigh?
Where will earth cradle Thee?

Christ of Gethsemane! Where shall we cradle Thee?

All who are dispossessed,
All of our broken rest,
All the world's worst and best
Storm Thy submissive breast.
Sadly we cradle Thee!

Christ of our Calvary! Where shall we cradle Thee?

Altar and hearth have I lain
Under the curse of Cain!
Yet, if but Thou remain,
In hearts that hope again—
Thankful, we cradle Thee!

ALBERT ORSBORN





(L. to R.) Bandmaster Reg Broughton, Mrs. Sen.-Major G. Luxton, Mrs. O. Brewster, Mrs. Major Brightwell, Major Fred Brightwell.

A LEAGUE of Mercy Rally was held at Guelph, Ont. (Major and Mrs. Fred Brightwell) in which the corps band and songster brigade participated. The financial report was presented.

Westmount's rosy future

SOME of the veterans of Westmount (Hamilton) Corps may hold lingering memories of the corps' origins in Wellington Street and Walnut Street in the city's downtown area, but, since its transplantation five years ago to a still-developing area atop Hamilton's mountain, the corps has kept its eyes on the future. Fifth anniversary weekend meetings gave the Territorial Commander (Commissioner Clarence D. Wiseman) opportunity to note assuring portents.

He commented on the family spirit. This was much in evidence at the initial corps dinner on Saturday evening, when Mr. John Smith, M.L.A., who brought Christian fraternal greetings, was the special guest.

The Commissioner saw future promise in the excellent young people's corps, which on Sunday afternoon paraded a cycle of its activities from primary to teenage in a narration-linked programme of items by the various sections. The enrolment of eleven fine new junior soldiers gave evidence of the successful objectives.

In the two devotional meetings there were clear indications of the spiritual aspiration and dedication which give depth and enthusiasm to the life of the corps. These were expressed in words by Young People's Sergeant-Major C. J. Lupton, Songster Beryl Thomas and by a score of quick-fire, one-sentence testimonies in the evening meeting, portrayed in song by Songsters L. Cox, Joan Cameron, and Dorothy Cunningham, and in action by those who knelt at the Mercy Seat at the close of both morning and evening gatherings.

In the holiness meeting Mrs. Commissioner Wiseman exhorted the congregation to make anniversary recollections an occasion for spiritual re-assessment. At night the Commissioner presented Jesus Christ as the Pattern of living which Salvationists must exemplify in seeking to make Him known in their community.

Completely identifying themselves with the joyous weekend celebrations were the Niagara Falls Band, which joined with the corps comrades in the Saturday evening programme and were on duty throughout Sunday, their Commanding Officer, Major Carson Janes, and the Divisional Secretary (Brigadier Cyril Gillingham) and Mrs. Gillingham.

The weekend concluded with a short, late evening programme by Niagara Falls Band over which

Guelph L.O.M. Meeting

The guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. O. M. Brewster, wife of a local physician and Christian layman who illustrated her talk with the aid of the flannelgraph.

the Commanding Officer at Westmount, Major Albert Milley, presided.

Youth work featured

WORK amongst the young people was emphasized during a weekend conducted by the Divisional Secretary (Major Reginald Holloman) at Pembroke, Ont. (Lieutenant and Mrs. Reuben Janes). Awards were presented during the Saturday evening programme which featured the young people in various items. Included in the awards was the presentation of the eight-year bar and seal to two young people, Sandra Tann and Patricia Webber.

The brownies held a church parade in connection with the holiness meeting Sunday morning. A time of dialogue was held during the jail service in the afternoon when questions were



Ninety-three-year-old John White, a resident of the Bonnie Doon Eventide Home in Edmonton, Alta., presents a pulpit Bible to the Superintendent, Major William Pamplin, for use in the home.

put by the inmates to the Divisional Secretary.

The weekend concluded with two young people kneeling at the Mercy Seat.



RIGHT: The newly elected executive of ACSAL. Front row (L. to R.): Gordon Fairbank (Danforth), Executive Vice-president; Carlton Carter (Danforth), President; Wm. J. Habkirk (Dovercourt), Past President. Back row (L. to R.): Derrick Hunt (Mount Dennis), Executive Secretary; Lawrence West (Hamilton Temple), Vice-president central; Harold Stuck (Owen Sound), Executive Treasurer; Gordon Woodland (St. John's), Vice-president east; Jaring Timmerman (Winnipeg), Vice-president west. **BETWEEN:** The national council of ACSAL with guest observer Jack Wood of Los Angeles at the far right, front row.



Tougher Crossword

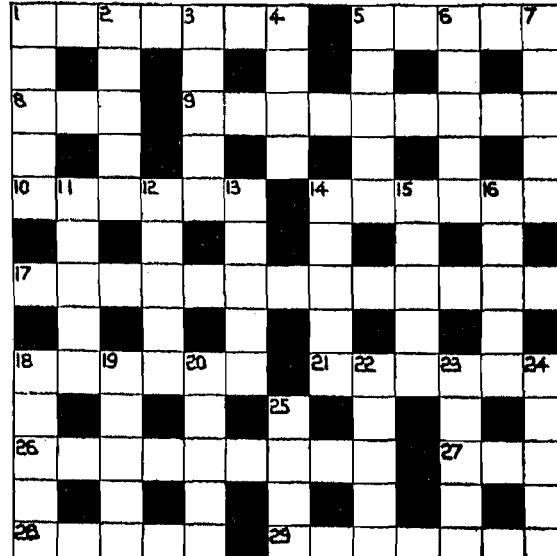
By John Shirley

Across

1. Russian election gets the bird.
5. Chooses certain tools to work with?
8. A dull-looking carpet?
9. Does he value his work?
10. A queer occupation? (3, 3).
14. Boy breaks an arm on metal.
17. Give orders to put a policeman on his back? (3, 4, 3, 3).
18. Cause disgust with a bad result.
21. King gives an order to a boy.
26. Sweet bread? (5, 4).
27. Talk to a horse?
28. Colour metal almost gets.
29. Large photo of the boss? (3, 4).

Down

1. Do you spell his name with a capital O?
2. Loved to cheat a boy.
3. Expenditure.
4. Right of retention.
5. Father swallows the remains of a ruler.
6. The weight of a vegetable by the sound of it!
7. Sweet singer but an alarming one?
11. He's not of high standing!
12. Someone who makes a fine decision?
13. So bent it makes an officer go back in bed.
14. Encountered some rope in the subway.
15. Town councillor.
16. Girl gets a bit hot in America.
18. An attack on the radio.
19. Notorious thief.
20. She's under doctor's orders.
22. Obscure.
23. Cattle farm.
24. A queer thing for the time of day.
25. A barber may have it in hand.



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Fresh approaches to problems at ACSAL annual meeting

OPENING the third annual meeting of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SALVATION ARMY LAYMEN in Toronto, the Territorial Commander (Commissioner Clarence Wiseman) said that the council's accomplishments to date and its plans for the future are helping many Salvationists rediscover the truth that the Movement is a servant of the world, not an organization for the religious.

This new sense of lay vocation, he said, if it remains under the aegis of the Holy Spirit, will be used as an instrument of God's will within the Army. He congratulated ACSAL for the way the goodwill of soldiers and officers alike has been generated through creative consultative relationships on all levels.

The Commissioner said that major ACSAL projects such as the corps survey and officer recruitment studies will undoubtedly benefit the Territory. "It is apparent already that many helpful guidelines will emerge from the survey," he said. He also expressed confidence that the candidates study will ably assist Territorial Headquarters to assess the Army's personnel needs during the seventies.

The Territorial Commander also mentioned areas where ACSAL might help form new concepts for action among Salvationists, including the use of corps buildings. He said that Army buildings are commonly thought of as having no connection with the weekday affairs of the neighbourhood. Maintaining that this exclusiveness should be broken down, the Commissioner said: "Our buildings should not only be places of worship for the 'in group' but centres of helpful Christian outreach to the neighbourhood." ACSAL could help develop a teaching programme to this end, he said. He also touched upon plans to reap the spiritual potential of adherents through increased involvement in corps life.

Concluding his remarks, the Commissioner again stressed his belief in the idea of lay responsibility. Its recent revival in the Army he said is one of the most

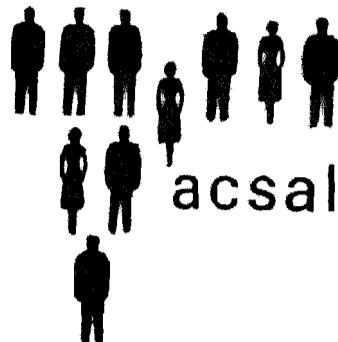
healthy and hopeful signs in our midst, and though not confined to ACSAL membership, it is being ably represented and wisely promoted by the council. "It is a spiritual ferment, the consequences of which no one can prophesy," he said.

The Commissioner also introduced Captain Joy Webb, from London, England, in Canada for the ACSAL-sponsored "Sounds Exciting" programme in Toronto and at other Ontario centres, and presented an inscribed, walnut gavel to Retired Bandmaster Habkirk for his and succeeding presidents' use.

success of corps survey

ACSAL's third annual meeting in Toronto included the usual more mundane items of business. But the 1968 meeting—held at the Canadian Bible Society's head office—also had all the earmarks of a mind-stretching happening as thirty national council members from across Canada exchanged ideas and fashioned ways and means of putting them to work for the Army's good.

Once again, the meeting's structural discussion sessions proved effective as idea magnets. Half of the time allotted to discussion was spent forming recommendations for immediate action stemming from ACSAL's corps survey returns. Final drafts of these recommendations will be submitted to administrative levels early in 1969. Other areas of the survey requiring a longer period of assessment will come under study across Canada in area committees composed of officers and



laymen before recommendations are submitted.

Matters pertaining to candidate recruitment were tackled during the remaining discussion periods. Helping develop positive attitudes towards officership was considered a prime area for discussion. Again, ACSAL is hoping to file recommendations with the administration early in 1969 and ACSAL president, Retired Bandmaster Bill Habkirk, said that they would undoubtedly reflect fresh approaches to what is a pressing problem for several denominations.

Reviewing ACSAL's past year Bandmaster Habkirk pinpointed the success of the corps survey, which drew an exceptional sixty per cent response in returns. Significant trends in future ACSAL action, he said, include the area council pilot project in British Columbia and increased participation of younger people in council activity. Len Sampson, of Vancouver, later detailed the organizational methods applied to the B.C. South area council's formation.

Papers were presented by G. J. Woodland, dealing with the application of university procedures to the Army's training college curriculum, and by guest observer Corps Sergeant-Major J. Wood, of Hollywood Tabernacle, Los Angeles, who outlined aspects of United States lay activity. Reports were given by Mrs. Eleanor Harris (Layman's Sunday Committee activity); Ed. Judge (finance); Ian Tilley (audit); and Walter Dinsdale (resolution committee).

Colonel Leslie Pindred also

addressed the meeting, giving indication of the positive position being taken by field officers towards increased lay responsibility. ACSAL's corps survey, he said, was "good medicine for all of us." The Colonel also expressed the opinion that ACSAL had contributed to the present "improved spiritual temperature" in Canadian Salvation Army life.

Territorial Headquarters' ACSAL representative, Colonel Frank Moulton, led moving closing exercises. He stressed the responsible role the council has to play in the Army's future in Canada, and urged its members to new levels of constructive action and spiritual dedication.

Carter elected new president

CARLTON Carter, of Toronto was elected president of ACSAL for 1969 at the council's third annual meeting in Toronto. A school principal, he has been associated with Christian education and partnership programmes at Danforth for several years. He has also made a major contribution in helping develop ACSAL purposes and programmes since its inception. He succeeds Retired Bandmaster Bill Habkirk who, as past president, remains an executive officer.

Others elected to or remaining on the executive were Gordon Fairbank, Toronto, executive vice-president; Gordon Woodland, St. John's, vice-president, Eastern; Laurie West, Hamilton, vice-president, Central; Jaring Timmerman, Winnipeg, vice-president, Western; Derrick Hunt, Toronto, executive secretary; and Harold Stuck, Owen Sound, executive treasurer.

The induction of officers was conducted by Colonel Frank Moulton. The Colonel also led exercises according special recognition to Retired Corps Sergeant-Major Jim Macfarlane, who has resigned from the council. The Corps Sergeant-Major's work, not

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a note from the Kirbys in Nigeria

WE have just returned (November 17th) to Lagos after three months in Eastern Nigeria on relief work. We find it is too late to send Christmas cards to reach our many friends in Canada. Please send Christmas greetings to them through "The War Cry" and tell them that we shall send a newsletter as soon as possible.

We have been distributing food to 119,000 people, of whom we were giving one cooked meal a day to about 7,000. This work has been done by five Salvation Army missionary officers, assisted by local Nigerian Red Cross workers. A team of six has now arrived from England so the five officers have been able to return to their appointments in Lagos and Ghana. (This information is taken from an air letter received from Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Leonard Kirby, Canadian missionaries in Nigeria). The photo on the right shows General Frederick Coutts and the Chief of the Staff (Commissioner Erik Wickberg) with the six volunteers who relieved Lieut.-Colonel Kirby and other Salvationists. The volunteers attended the weekly knee drill at International Headquarters the day prior to flying to Lagos. With them is Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Rout (R) who organized and accompanied the team.





Captain Clifford Hollman (second from right) confers with three of his committee members in preparation for the spiritual crusade in Swift Current, Sask., conducted by Major George Clarke and family.

Swift Current, Sask., spiritual crusade

A CRUSADE was conducted by Major and Mrs. George Clarke and Jane at Swift Current, Sask. (Captain and Mrs. Clifford Hollman). As a result of the special series of meetings many people made decisions.

Also participating in the series were students from the Swift Current Bible Institute who brought their testimony in music and song. The busy week included visits to the local radio and television studios.

Song writer conducts songster weekend at Oshawa

HIGHLIGHTING the songster weekend at Oshawa, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. Norman Coles) was the visit of the Rev. Sidney Cox, well-known song writer, and Lieutenant and Mrs. James Alexander of Verdun, Que.

A number of the compositions by the Rev. Cox were sung by the brigade and a theme chorus "Just sing me a song about Jesus" was used in all the meetings.

Lieutenant Alexander contributed euphonium solos and Mrs. Alexander, vocal solos throughout the weekend. Sunday afternoon took the form of a Remembrance Day memorial service.

Seekers knelt at the Mercy Seat in the morning and evening meetings.—R.J.P.

AIR TOUR



Residents of the Salvation Army's Eventide Home in Montreal were recently treated to an air tour of the city by members of the Lakeshore Kiwanis Club of Montreal. Brigadier Alfred Bruce (Superintendent) and Mrs. Brigadier Bruce are to the left of the photo.

"THIS IS MY STORY..."

Below is an up-dated log of The Salvation Army's weekly radio programme, "This is my story." Be sure to listen to this account of the Army's ministry.

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ZBM	Hamilton	Sun.	12:15 P.M.	CFAM	850	Altona	Sun.	10:45 A.M.
CKEK	570	Cranbrook	Sun.	CKDM	730	Dauphin	Sun.	7:00 A.M.
CFKC	1340	Creston	Fri.	CFRY	920	Portage La Prairie	Sun.	
CJDC	1250	Dawson Creek	Sun.	CFRW	1470	Winnipeg	Sun.	11:00 A.M.
CHUB	1570	Nanaimo	Sun.	ONTARIO				6:30 A.M.
CKKC	1390	Nelson	Sun.	CJNR	730	Blind River	Sun.	7:00 A.M.
CJAV	1240	Port Alberni	Sun.	CHUC	1500	Cobourg	Sun.	5:30 P.M.
CIAT	610	Trail	Sun.	CKDR	900	Dryden	Mon. to Fri.	
CFUN	1410	Vancouver	Sun.	CFOB	800	Fort Frances	Sun.	7:30 A.M.
CKLG	720	Vancouver	Sun.	CJOY	1460	Guelph	Sun.	9:00 P.M.
CJIB	940	Vernon	Sun.	CJRL	1220	Kenora	Sun.	7:30 A.M.
CKVI	900	Victoria	Sun.	CKLC	1380	Kingston	Sun.	9:00 P.M.
ALBERTA				CKMP	1230	Midland	Sun.	7:00 P.M.
CFCN	1060	Calgary	Sun.	CKOY	1310	Ottawa	Sun.	7:00 A.M.
GFCW	790	Camrose	Sun.	CKPR	580	Port Arthur	Sun.	7:00 A.M.
CJDV	910	Drumheller	Sun.	CKTB	610	St. Catharines	Sun.	10:30 P.M.
CKSA	1150	Lloydminster	Sun.	CKOT	1510	Tillsonburg	Sun.	10:30 A.M.
CKYL	630	Peace River	Sun.	CFCL	620	Timmins	Sun.	7:30 A.M.
SASKATCHEWAN				CHOW	1470	Welland	Sun.	9:00 A.M.
CJNB	1460	N. Battleford	Sun.	CKNX	920	Wingham	Sun.	10:30 P.M.
CKBI	900	Prince Albert	Sun.	CKOX	1840	Woodstock	Sun.	5:00 P.M.
CJME	1300	Ratina	Sun.	QUEBEC				
CFQC	600	Saskatoon	Sun.	CKBG	Bagotville			9:30 A.M.
CFMC-FM	1400	Saskatoon	Sun.	CKMA	1840	(RCAF Station)	Sun.	3:30 P.M.
CKSW	1400	Swift Current	Sun.	CKTS	900	Mont Apica	Sun.	
						Sherbrooke	Sun.	10:00 A.M.
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Youth councils conducted in various Nfld. centres

Lewisporte

CONDUCTED by the Territorial Youth Secretary (Major Joseph Craig) assisted by the Provincial Youth Secretary (Major Albert Browning) and Mrs. Browning, youth councils were held in the Regional High School at Lewisporte, Nfld. Young people from Birch Bay, Cambellton, Comfort Cove/Newstead, Embree and Glenwood journeyed to Lewisporte for the Sunday's sessions.

was presented by Velma Ginn. — Many stood in response to the challenge for officership. The Lewisporte Band and Corps Cadet Brown gave musical support throughout the day.

Burin

YOUTH of the Burin Peninsula, Nfld., gathered at Grand Bank for youth councils under the leadership of Brigadier and Mrs. Charles Hickman, supported by Captain and Mrs. James Cooper.

The youth sections from Grand Bank and Fortune Corps presented a programme on the Saturday evening. On the Sunday, papers were given by Marlene Brushett of Burin and Eleanor Samms of Grand Bank. Young people from Garnish and Creston South also took part. Seventy-three young people responded to the challenge presented and made decisions for Christ at the Mercy Seat.—D.H.

Songster brigade visits Hespeler

THE Mount Hamilton Songster Brigade visited Hespeler, Ont. (Brigadier and Mrs. Harold Corbett (R)) for a Sunday recently. Mrs. Captain Ray Nelson, wife of the corps officer at Mount Hamilton, gave the Sunday morning holiness message and the Divisional Commander (Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Moulton) conducted the evening meeting.

A programme of music was presented by the brigade Sunday afternoon. One feature was the timbrel group accompanied by a brass ensemble from the songster brigade.

Territorial Commander visits two Toronto centres

Riverdale

THE eighty-fifth corps anniversary was celebrated at Riverdale, Toronto, (Captain and Mrs. Douglas Hiltz). The weekend's events commenced with a corps dinner where greetings were brought by a former local officer, Mr. T. Smith of Scarborough Corps, who referred to his leadership of the young people's corps at Riverdale. A former Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Ernest Green (R), also brought greetings. The anniversary cake was cut by one of the oldest soldiers of the corps and a young member of the junior corps.

A programme was presented in the evening featuring a musical ensemble from Scarborough, singing ensemble from Danforth and the Over-Sixty Octette. Junior

Soldier Debbie Prince made a special presentation to Mrs. W. Fick.

The Territorial Commander (Commissioner C. D. Wiseman) and Mrs. Wiseman led the Sunday's meetings. In the morning, three senior soldiers were sworn in, products of the young people's corps, and the meeting concluded with the message by Mrs. Wiseman. There was one seeker at the Mercy Seat.

Commissioner Wiseman spoke in the evening and there was a ready response to the invitation to the Mercy Seat. Throughout the weekend the hall was filled to capacity for each meeting.

North Toronto

DURING the evening meeting of the Sunday visit of the Territorial Commander (Commissioner C. D. Wiseman) to North Toronto (Captain and Mrs. Bram Tillsley) the Commissioner swore in eleven young people as senior soldiers, all of whom afterwards gave personal witness.

A tall young man, now in full uniform, admitted that he had not attended church for a number of years until a member of the young people's band spoke to him at high school, inviting him to the Army meetings and later leading him to the Mercy Seat.

Seven of the eleven new soldiers wore the uniform of the young people's band, which was on duty for this gathering.

Partnership in the Gospel was the theme for the day and during the afternoon some seventy-five Salvationists visited all those on the corps rolls in the interests of this plan.

The morning meeting was a time of preparation for such visitation and more particularly for

B.C. H.L. Rally

IN spite of torrential rain, death of a Chief and roads under construction, fifty women met for the British Columbia North Divisional Home League Rally in Terrace.

Two craft classes were conducted and in the afternoon meeting it was discovered that fifteen were attending the rally for the first time and eight members had travelled four hundred miles to be present. Testimonies were given in both English and native language. After the message brought by the Divisional Director of Women's Organizations (Mrs. Major Fred Lewis) two women knelt at the Mercy Seat in dedication.

The hall was filled to capacity for the public meeting, chaired by the Divisional Commander (Major Fred Lewis), in the evening when the awards were presented and Mrs. Captain Leonard Frost showed slides of Bermuda. Prince George League received the divisional plaque with Canyon City as the runner-up.

Brockville Literature Evangelism

A WEEKEND featuring literature evangelism was held at Brockville, Ont. (Major and Mrs. Basil Craddock), with the Editor-in-Chief (Lieut.-Colonel Eric Coward) and Mrs. Coward as special guests.

A social evening was held on Saturday when the Colonel spoke of his work on *The War Cry*. A colourful display of *War Crys* from twenty-five countries was exhibited throughout the weekend.

Visitors were present in the meeting on Sunday morning and in the evening there were seekers at the Mercy Seat.

The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda has nearly four hundred halls where public religious meetings are held each Sunday. You are welcome to attend these meetings.



Mrs. Major Fred Lewis (extreme right) Divisional Director of Women's Organizations, presents the divisional home league plaque to the Prince George League (Mrs. Captain Henry van Trigt). This was the first time the Prince George women had ever attended a home league rally.

the task of communicating Christ's gospel in the rapidly paganizing world in which we live. In his Bible address the Commissioner analysed the essential elements in this vital activity.

Mrs. Commissioner Wiseman read the Scripture portion and Songster Mrs. Ward gave her testimony, describing opportunities for witnessing in her daily employment. Brigadier and Mrs. Harold Sharp assisted the Territorial leaders throughout the day.



The Divisional Commander for Saskatchewan (Brigadier Leslie Titcombe) presents a retirement certificate to Brigadier Agnes Morton. Report appeared in last week's issue of "The War Cry."

The Editor-in-Chief (Lieut.-Colonel Eric Coward) and Mrs. Coward observe literature display with Brockville corps officers, Major and Mrs. Basil Craddock (left).



Successful West Toronto "retreat"

TEACHERS and young people's local officers of West Toronto, Ont. (Major and Mrs. Thomas Bell), conducted a retreat for the young people, the first of its kind in this district and it proved to be an outstanding success.

Held at the cottages of the Burch family at Balm Beach, Ont., the activities commenced on the Friday night with a hootenanny and wiener roast around the camp fire.

The main feature on Saturday was the discussion groups on such subjects as thinking about right and wrong, discovering yourself, your reaction to authority and right and wrong with friends and parents. The special guest for the weekend was Major Margaret Green and the young people actively participated in the "talk back session" following the film "Live a little." There were unforgettable moments of decision and reconsecration as a result of the day.

Sunday the group returned to the corps where two cadets participated in the Vocation and

Commitment Sunday meetings. Young people who had been present at the retreat also took part.

A special "Coffee in the Cellar" session conducted by Major Green for all interested youth gave opportunity for another talk back session. It was obvious from the questions about the Christian way that they wanted to know where they were going and their concern about things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. The special weekend was organized by Y.P.S.-M. Mrs. L. Elvin and Mrs. Winnie Gordon.

New bass drum

A NEW bass drum was dedicated at Triton, Nfld. (Captain and Mrs. Hedley Ivany) for use in the local corps. The drum was made possible because of the interest and determination of Brother and Sister Donald Windsor who collected sufficient funds to underwrite the cost.

MUSICAL notes

It's a "TAKE!"

Captain Joy Webb, leader of the former Joystings combo, describes a Christmas recording session

IT was no surprise when the telephone rang. The recording manager wanted me to listen to a playback of the new Christmas number over the phone. I listened . . . was not impressed . . . and said so. To my chagrin there was complete agreement at the other end. Recovering, I listened. Would I alter the key, attend to the girls' parts, change the title, dispense with the introduction? . . . Would I?

I sat for two nights with a blank sheet of manuscript in front of me. Arranging a song is one thing; expunging it from your mind and developing an entirely new arrangement is another.

Thursday morning, sitting at my typewriter, no nearer to an idea, I laid my head on my arms and groaned, "Lord, come on, I must get a new arrangement." The deadline was now five days away. It was Thursday afternoon and that evening we were supposed to learn the new arrangement, perfect it and memorize it for recording on the Monday evening.

Frantic Rehearsal

In the evening we gathered around the grand piano in the International Training College assembly hall. In our hands was a scribbled arrangement to which I constantly added or subtracted as the vocal line developed.

"What do you think of that added sixth in the intro?"

"I like it."

"He (our recording manager) is sure to throw it out; you know he doesn't like them!"

"Not this one, it's a natural." And so on, and so forth.

Comes Monday evening. We pile into the van, with equipment stacked, and set off for the studio. This time we are a little tense (we have already had one try at this); it just has to be right tonight! A late arrival by some of us through a traffic hold-up doesn't help. We tune up. Our recording manager arrives.

"Have you tuned up?" he asks. "O.K., let's hear them then."

Well, we thought we had!

He leans on a massive play-

back speaker, nonchalant, composed.

"Right, let's hear what you've done with it."

We play. We wait!

"H'm, too fast, I think! There's no chance of delivery on the words. Try a little more slowly."

We try.

"O.K., that's better. Shall we take one? Just the backing, please!"

My voice . . . counting . . .

"One, two, three, four, one . . .

"On a starry night! . . . We're away!"

Control Room

A wave from Norman (the Beatles' recording engineer, incidentally) in the control room indicates a take, and we gather around the speaker and wait. Nothing doing! The door opens, and in comes our R.M.

"Drummer, could you alter the sound, please?"

Wycliffe experiments with timpani sticks.

"Yes. And, no cymbals, please."

No cymbals it is!

"The bass guitar is a bit boomy; could you shorten the notes, please!"

"Like so?"

"Yep! That's better."

The red light flickers on; we do another take.

We wait—in he comes (God bless him!).

"Girls, who's singing what?"

We tell him.

"O.K., now let's try for a better balance!"

Norman waves "O.K." through the panel glass. We do yet another take. (Never mind, the Beatles did up to "take 70" the other day.)

"That's fine."

The backing is set.

Now for the solo voices. We stand at the mike. The speakers blast out the backing and we sing.

"Not too bad. Joy, I'm getting too much of you. Stand farther away, please, dear! And, sound a little happier, please!"

I stand, and endeavour to sound happier and we try again. On the third line I sing a wrong lyric (Oh, heavens!).

"Never mind, let's go again."



We go again and this time it is . . . "Right! Well, how about some coffee?"

We circulate. "What do you think of it?"

"I like it, but it needs a pretty, tinkling, bell-like sound in the backing," suggests Wycliffe.

We descend to the canteen. Our ability with coffee exceeds our ability with discs.

Up the stairs and back to the grind. We finish the song. One of the girls adds a fourth part on top of the girls' backing, singing all on her own at the mike circled by her grinning comrades. The main part of the recording is over.

"What do you think, then?" the R.M. asks me.

"Well, I just don't know any more, I've thought about it so much, I can't be sure."

"We'll put a sound on it later," he says. "Can't quite decide what,

but leave it to me! One more thing, have you decided on the title?"

"Well," I reply, "you said not 'A Boy was Born' and not 'King of all the World', and I don't like 'The Angels Sang', so it had better be your other suggestion, 'A Starry Night'. After all, I've specially featured it in the backing. Anyway, what else is there to call it?"

"O.K., 'A Starry Night' it is. Right, clear the studio. Thank you all, and good-night. Be seeing you!"

We pile the equipment into the van, drive off and at about 10.30 p.m. arrive "home" at the college. Someone passes us in the entrance hall.

"Well, how did it go? All right?"

How did it go? All right? . . . we hoped . . . and prayed!

Sarnia Band featured at Ingersoll



A splendid musical weekend was recently enjoyed at Ingersoll, Ont., featuring members of the Sarnia Citadel Band. Participants included Envoy Nelson Pedlar (left), Bandmaster Oscar Clapp, Bandsman and Mrs. John Hook, Mrs. Captain Peckford, Captain Harold Peckford, Major Thomas Smith and Bandmaster Matthew Siddle.

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY



Broadcasting the gospel in South America



THE Territorial Commander for South America West (Lieut.-Colonel Joseph M. Dex) recently inaugurated an Audio-visual Studio in Santiago. For over two years a Canadian missionary, Major David Gruer, has prepared a weekly fifteen minute radio programme which is taped and sent to various centres. This work was started with borrowed equipment and amid dreams of some day getting suitable equipment and quarters.

With the help of the Canadian Territory a studio (designed by Brigadier Lalut) has been built and almost fully equipped. A most useful item is an electronic organ which is used in the studio, in special meetings and as an amplifier.

Danforth Corps (Toronto) contributed a professional turntable, a tape recorder and two microphones. Young people from Dovercourt (Toronto) also contributed to the purchase of equipment. The photos show: TOP LEFT: Lieut.-Colonel Dex, Brigadier A. Lalut and Major Gruer (extreme left) at the opening of the building. TOP RIGHT: The control room showing part of the equipment in use. LEFT: The Territorial Commander sings to the accompaniment of Major Gruer at the organ with Brigadier Lalut operating the radio controls.

All round the world the Army chariot rolls . . .



ABOVE: Juniors at the Iran outpost, Japan, welcome Santa Claus when he arrives at their Christmas celebrations. LEFT: The message of the gospel is for all men, proclaims "The War Cry" in many languages. Annually more than 50 million are distributed in different parts of the world. In a very northern part of Sweden an officer gives a copy of "Stridsropet" to a passer-by.

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An Altar in the Heart

described by Mrs. Commissioner Clarence Wiseman

THE woman was panicky. The rush of Christmas shopping, making preparations for the children's party, the cooking and planning, had served to tie her nerves "all up in knots." There was still all the wrapping to do, the Christmas tree to decorate, and the more she worried the more things appeared still to be done.

Above the din of excited children's voices she heard the quiet tones of someone on the radio telling again the wondrous story of Christmas. And then the talk finished with words that seemed irrelevant to the message that had been given: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

"I hope He's not looking on mine at this moment!" thought the distracted woman. "He would be shocked! Love is the message of Christmas and I hate this rush and tear. It wears me down; I only do it because of the children. Christmas is a racket!"

Soft singing had followed the spoken message:

*O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Immanuel.*

Tears began coursing down the woman's face. Memory had taken her back to childhood days when she, too, had lifted her face, with shining eyes, and seen beyond the everyday into the glories of a guided life. If only she had a few spare moments so that she could run into the little old church and kneel again at the altar! Overcome with emotion she slipped on to a chair and covered her head with her apron and wept. But the children must not see her like this! It was Christmas and it would not do to spoil their joy.

All this rushing and worrying was just too much. Couldn't she slip away for half an hour? Through her mind there flashed the innumerable things she must do. And then, like a still small voice, came the thought, "What good is an altar in the church if you haven't one in your heart?" The kitchen table became an altar and peace stole into a troubled mind.

Two women

We stood admiring a cathedral recently and on entering the sacred sanctuary we found an altar. Two women sat on benches nearby. One was munching her lunch, the other bowed in prayer. One was satisfying her physical needs,



the other her spiritual longings. The crowds thronged round, passed by, but one had found a place of quietness that nothing could disturb.

Many years ago I knelt and

bowed my head in prayer. It was at a rough wooden chair in a Salvation Army officer's quarters, the home of one of our "saints" who, seeing young people wandering and straying, tried to en-

CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

by Martha Hunt

CHRISTMAS without candy! Unthinkable. No matter how many good things are around, candy always holds a special place of its own. When the young people come in after skating, hockey or skiing, let them into the kitchen to make a batch of candy. What if the kitchen is mussed afterwards--think of the fun they will have!

And candy, attractively packaged, makes a lovely gift for older people with a sweet tooth who, so often, find the boxed varieties contain too many hard centres to suit them. Popcorn balls find favour with the young set. Wrapped in red or white cellophane, they make an attractive addition to the usual Christmas tree decorations.

Here are some easy Christmas candy recipes:

Peanut Butter Fudge

2 squares unsweetened chocolate, grated
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup peanut butter
2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Method: Place sugar, milk, butter, salt and chocolate in a medium-sized saucepan. Cook slowly until sugar dissolves, stirring constantly. Then cook over medium heat to soft ball stage, stirring all the while. Cool. Add peanut butter and vanilla and beat until fudge begins to stiffen, and the mixture begins to lose its clear, glossy appearance. Pour into buttered pan. Cut in squares.

Popcorn Balls

1 cup pure molasses
1/2 cup corn syrup
2 quarts popped corn
1/2 tablespoon vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons butter

courage and lead them to the Lord. It was a strange experience for me, that visit. I was scared! Never before had I been in the home of an Army officer and I didn't know what to expect. But the visit had been a pleasant one; a dainty tea, plenty of laughing and chatting and then, suddenly looking at us with piercing eyes, for there were two of us invited, she said, "Now I think we should pray."

Neither my friend nor I had come from Army homes and we were astounded to see this woman get down on her knees. Of course I had always knelt at my bedside, but in the front room—never!

Long prayer

Quietly we followed the example of our hostess and knelt beside the chair. I can't say I followed her as she prayed. It seemed such a long prayer! Just under the table, near my hand, was a picture album. Surreptitiously I turned a page. The voice receded into the distance; I had found an interest that occupied my whole mind. Then suddenly I heard my name, my own name, the name my mother and father called me, and I was being talked about before God! I shall never forget that experience!

Quickly I closed the album. I threw my head upon my arms on the chair—and there I learned to pray.

I've knelt at many altars of wood since then, but that old chair is the sweetest I have known for I discovered there that the only time an altar is efficacious is when it is raised in the heart.

Method: Cook molasses, corn syrup and vinegar together until 360° F. on a thermometer or until a hard ball is formed when a little is dropped in cold water. Stir occasionally to prevent scorching. Remove from heat and add butter. Pour over corn, tossing it all together with a fork. Butter fingers lightly and form the syrup-coated corn into balls.

Note: 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries, nuts or chocolate pieces may be added to the balls for variation.

Pecan Fudge

4 cups light brown sugar, packed lightly
1/2 cup light molasses
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 cups chopped pecans (or nuts)

Method: Put sugar, molasses and water in a saucepan. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Cook, stirring occasionally, to 238° F., or until a small amount dropped in very cold water forms a soft ball. Remove pan from heat and quickly stir in baking soda. Cool without further stirring until lukewarm. Add butter or margarine and stir until fudge has lost its shiny look. Stir in pecans and pour into a greased pan. When firm, cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

The War Cry

MAGAZINE features

Candles at Christmas

by Ray Gibson

IT is interesting to note that the first candles were probably used by the Romans to burn before the altar of their gods. They had two kinds: one torch-like with a wick of papyrus; the other made of wax or tallow, as they are today.

In the early days candle light was the chief means of illumination. It came to be associated with Christmas. For until more recently it was a common practice to use them on the Christmas tree, not only for decoration but to light and thus brighten the tree during the festive season. Now, however, strings of small electric lights, especially made for the occasion, have taken the place of the candles. These are much better, and do away with the hazard of fire. In Roman Catholic churches candles are constantly burning before the altar; they are also used quite generally in other churches during the service.

The crèches, which one sees in Roman Catholic churches during the Christmas season, have candles burning in front of them. This custom was originated in Italy by St. Francis.

In the medieval church, the candles used were made of beeswax in the belief that the bees came from heaven. Candlemas Day originated in the eleventh century, and on that day candles are blessed and Scripture read denoting the candle as a symbol of love for Christ.

Years ago, people made their own candles. Now they are manufactured, and can be bought in all shapes, sizes and colours to add a soft glow to table decorations, or to use the small ones to decorate the Christmas or birthday cake. Bayberry is used in the making of some candles to replace the tallow. When the berry is put in the wax, it burns with a pleasant aroma, and is also believed to bring happiness to



the house in which it is burned.

Visiting the ruins of some old homes in some areas, one can visualize the cosy, candle-lit rooms, and probably the Yule log burning on the hearth.

No doubt the children in the olden days loved Christmas, as

they do today. A small verse comes to mind:

*Around the tree in merry circles
Children play in festive mirth,
And they sing while lights are
gleaming,
Of the Blessed Saviour's birth.*

Christmas Superstitions

POULTRY men, interested in increased egg production, would once have considered this ancient belief, "If wheat be kept in one's pocket during Christmas services and then given to the fowls, they will grow fat and lay many eggs."

People who believe in superstitions at this season of the year put a silencer on the family cat during the evening meal on Christmas Eve because a "meow" from that animal means bad luck.

In Ireland, many believe that on Christmas Eve the gates of heaven are wide open and all who die on that night may enter at once without going to Purgatory.

In Germany, the peasants attribute great powers to bread moistened by Christmas dew. If fed to cattle it makes them prolific and healthy throughout the coming year—according to some.

A woman, entering the house first on Christmas morning, is thought to bring bad luck. A man entering first insures good luck, if he is dark-haired then the good omen is even greater.

In the days when women baked all their own bread, it was said that bread made on Christmas Day never became mouldy.

In rural England, if the sun shone brightly at noon on Christmas Day, the farmers could expect a large crop of apples. Still in vogue is the ceremony of drinking a toast to the favourite apple tree.

In Denmark, the farmer makes a cross in front of his entrance that no evil will cross his thresh-old during the holidays. He puts a large serving of rice-porridge out in the barn for all the good spirits.

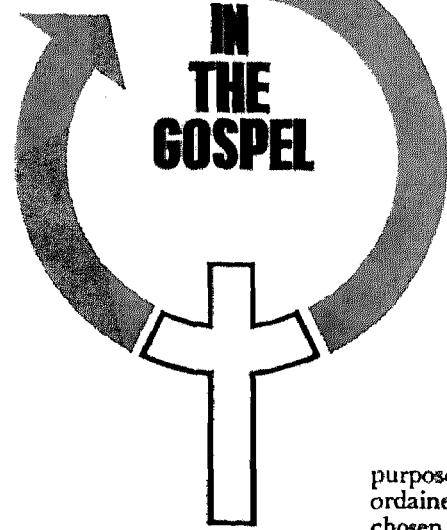
In Norway, the Christmas candle is highly revered. It is left burning all night and if it should go out, it is an omen of death. The remains of the candle are saved and burned during storms as a protection against lightning.

One of the most pervasive Christmas superstitions we have today is the tradition of eating a piece of Christmas cake in each home visited, each sample signifying a month of happiness in the coming year.



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CONVERSION is that instantaneous miracle of the Holy Spirit which happens in the heart of the believer quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Christian stewardship, the other side of the coin, has a quite different emphasis and involves that lifelong New Testament concept of our personal relationship with our Lord. It often dawns upon us gradually, as the result of an educational process which increasingly grips our lives to make us different from the non-Christian world around us. With the multiple pressures which crowd in upon the Christian, it is no wonder that growth in the grace of stewardship is painfully slow.

Conversion is that act of surrender by which we turn over to God our lives without a single reservation. From the moment when we rise from our knees as a newborn child of God, our time, our talents, our resources, our possessions, our influence belongs to our Master. *We are not our own* (1. Cor. 6: 20). This is exactly what Paul had in mind when he referred to himself as a bond-slave of Jesus Christ. Stewardship means the full recognition of God's total ownership of our lives through a covenant of love.

We need only to take a quick inventory of attitude to discover that very often we live well below the standard our Master has set for us. He has given us cars, homes, and cottages to enjoy, and in our depravity we have taken the ownership papers and written over them our own names. We have taken that precious thing called time, and planted a sign in the midst: "I will do with my time as I please—it belongs to me." We have too often taken our lives—lives fashioned for a divine

PARTNERSHIP— is it worth it?

This question is answered for "War Cry" readers
by Captain David Hammond



purpose and according to a fore-ordained blueprint, and we have chosen to chart our own course and seek out our own destiny. This form of rebellion is anarchy, and any expression of self-will which violates the authority of our Master is sin. Sin is the enemy of Christian stewardship.

The idea is abroad that the

Partnership in the Gospel programme is only concerned with raising money. Careful investigation would reveal that nothing could be further from the truth. At its very heart is the development of a true concept of New Testament stewardship and, where its principles have been understood maturely God has

blessed His people and His work through it. But let it be clearly known that when there is a balanced emphasis on the total commitment of the Salvationist, material blessings become identified without apology as belonging to God. To ask for less would necessitate compromising the gospel we preach.

S.A. Epics—3

George Knowlton here describes

What came out of a bad night

THE story has been told a thousand times, but since it was the beginning of a new adventure in helpfulness let it be once more related.

It was in 1888. The scene was London and the home of William Booth, early morning.

His son Bramwell entered the Founder's room with good morning courtesies. But the latter walking to and fro with hanging suspenders and ruffled hair burst out at him "Here Bramwell! do you know that fellows are sleeping out at night under the bridges — sleeping out all night on the stone?"

Bramwell knew.

"You know, and you haven't done anything?" The General was thunderstruck. He had seen the piteous sight the previous night and was robbed of sleep

because of it. How could he rest in a warm bed while some of his fellow men were almost frozen to death as they tried to sleep?

Bramwell endeavoured to explain that at present the Army could not do everything that ought to be done in the world, and proceeded to make other quite valid excuses.

But William Booth would have none of it, and broke in angrily, "Oh, I don't care about all that stuff. I've heard it before. But go and do something. Do something, Bramwell, do something!"

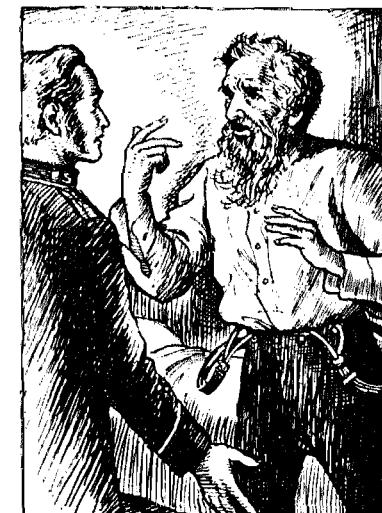
It was all very typical of the Founder's heart of overflowing compassion for the outcast and needy. He was a practical man who demanded action.

"Get a shed for them, he continued; anything will be better

than nothing; a roof over their heads, walls around their bodies."

Bramwell Booth was not slow to "do something"; which something was the beginning of the great social service scheme of the Army, announced to the world two years later in the Founder's book "In Darkest England and the Way Out."

Twenty years before William Booth had published a pamphlet "How to Reach the Masses with the Gospel." He now began to see, after twenty years of ceaseless labour, that he must first take arms against the worst of social conditions before he could carry the saving health of religion, even with the great force he had raised up in the meantime, to these ultimate masses.



Do you know where these are?

The Salvation Army will assist in the search for missing relatives. Please read the list below, and if you know the present address of any person listed, or any information which will be helpful in continuing the search, kindly contact the Men's Social Service Secretary, 20 Albert Street, Toronto, marking your envelope "inquiry."

BJORDAL, Chris. Born February 10, 1905, in the U.S.A. Parents: Ragnvald and Ingeborg Bjordal. Had no permanent work when last heard from in 1963. His brother, Hans Bjordal, is concerned and anxious to hear from him. Would assist if in need. Has anyone a knowledge of his whereabouts? 68-179

BREWIS, Mrs. Eva and her daughter, Beulah. Mrs. Brewis was born about 1924, while her daughter was born about 1942. She left her husband about 18 years ago and her son, Reginald, now anxious to locate her. He was about seven years of age when left with his father. Diabetic. Totally blind for four years. Please contact us. No address forwarded without permission. 68-459

FRICKY, Steve. Surname could be FRICKIE. Nicknames George and Purdes. Born 1906 in Czechoslovakia. Was a factory and construction worker in Ottawa and/or Montreal. Is Greek Catholic. Was last heard from in 1931. Parents: Michael and Maria Fricky. Cousin, Michael Bodnar, is trying to locate. 68-413

GIERZAK, Andrel. Born October, 1920, in New Sambor, Poland. General labourer. Last heard from in 1951 when he was living in Virginiate, Ontario. His cousin, Stella Nyce (née Gierzak) is anxious to locate. 19240

GLENN, William Jack. Called Bill. Born June 5, 1928, at Lawton, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Height, 5' 10 1/2". Weight, 210 lbs. Grey eyes; brown hair; olive complexion; front teeth widely separated; widower; speaks Spanish and Italian quite fluently. Master electronic engineer. Good cook. Writes stories and poetry and does oil paintings. Social Security No. 440-26-2270. Has two sons, David Laurent Glenn (16) and Jack Gordon Glenn (14). These are not with him. His mother, Delta Lilly Glenn, enquires. His older son is very disturbed by his circumstances. Is he known to anyone in Canada? He is needed. 68-533

HAMALAINEN, Silja Dagmar (Formerly Sajankoski). Divorced. Was in Finland last year and until July of this year. Is said to have made effort to contact Mr. Sajankoski, who was then on holiday. Left no address. Born July 26, 1918, at Kymi, Finland. Parents: Herman and Amanda. Search has to do with settlement of an estate. 68-258

HILDEBRAND, Henry Stanley James. Born January 29, 1950, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Single. Height, 5'. Weight, 135 lbs. Last heard from July 23, 1968, when he sent a telegram. Social Insurance Number 780024. Manitoba. Parents are anxious to know of son's well-being and whereabouts. 68-537

KERN, Karl. Born June 9, 1902, in Zurich, Switzerland. Married. Chauffeur, Protestant. Last known to live at Newton, B.C. This was in 1945/46. He had lived in Montreal, Quebec, in 1939. His brother, Walter Kern, of Switzerland, is anxious to locate. 68-505

LARSSON, Per Holmfred. Born October 12, 1905, in Stockholm, Sweden. Parents: Brita Celia and Per Larsson. Left Sweden in 1927 and was last

heard from in 1928 or 1929. He then lived in North Vancouver, B.C. At that time he was a stonemason and also was "occupied in wood". Father is now deceased and he is being sought re matters of estate. 19282

LAKE, Wilfred Anthony Richard. Born September 27, 1923, in Winnipeg, Man. Was in Toronto in mid-April, 1968. Has worked as a hospital worker. Lived in New Zealand for a number of years prior to 1966. Parents: Richard Burton and Florence Love (née Lansdown). Parents anxious to know of whereabouts and to hear from him. Mother's health suffering as result of her anxiety. 68-193

PORTER, Robin Wesley. Born August 7, 1943, in Emsworth, Hants, England. An insurance broker. Marital status unknown. Wears glasses. Last heard from January, 1966, by cable. All addresses given us are in Toronto, Ontario. Mother in England enquires. Original inquiry was her anxiety to locate but latterly there is an estate involved. 68-185

KOZELJ, Frank (or Kozel, Franci). Born September 16, 1931, in Kranj, Yugoslavia. Single. Worked in leather goods manufacturing. Last known address—M.K. West Tahtsa, via Burns Lake, B.C., Canada. Last heard from November 21, 1957, by telephone. Mother, Marjana Kozelj, would like to know about her son who has been out of contact with home for eleven years. 68-505

SHAW, William. Born December 4, 1900, at Bath Terrace, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Last known to live at Quarriers' Home, Bridge of Weir, Scotland, from which place he came to Canada. Parents: William James Shaw and Mary Jane Shaw (née Sheridan). A younger brother, who has never seen him, is trying to locate his older brother. Inquirer — James Shaw. 68-590

TESARIK, Joanne Marie. Born March 20, 1949. Is about 5' tall. Her mother is most anxious to find her daughter and to be of help. Believe Joanne came to Toronto to meet a friend, Jerry Middletts, whose brother is believed to be working in the broadcasting field in Toronto, Ont. Please contact us. 68-525

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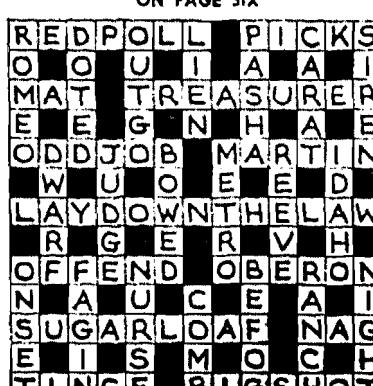
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NOTES IN PASSING

The announcement of the new Field Secretary in the November 30th issue did not mention that Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Moulton, then Divisional Commander for Southern Ontario, succeeds Colonel Simester as Divisional Commander for the Metro-Toronto Division. Our apologies to Lieut.-Colonel Moulton for the omission.

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The following officers have been bereaved: Captain Carol Ratcliff, Kingston, Jamaica, of her mother; Lieutenant Renee Strickland, Greenspond, Nfld., of her mother; Mrs. Major Thomas Smith, Sarnia, Ont., of her father.

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Word has just been received that Captain Dudley Coles has been appointed Training Officer at the Territorial Training College at Anand. The new address for Captain and Mrs. Coles is as follows: The Salvation Army Training College, Anand (Kaira Dist), Gujarat, India.

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Please note the addresses of the following retired officers:— Brigadier Dorothy Barwick, Apt. 408, 133 Gamble Avenue, Toronto 6, Ont.; Mrs. Brigadier Harvey Legge, 20 Glenforest Road, Toronto 12, Ont.; Major and Mrs. H. George Wright, Kingsville, Ont., R.R. 3 Group Box 19.

Word has been received that Senior-Major James Drummond (R) was promoted to Glory from Windsor, Ont. A tribute to his life of service will appear in a subsequent issue.



Commissioner and Mrs. C. Wiseman

Toronto House of Concord, Mon., Dec. 16; Toronto Grace Hospital, Tues., Dec. 17; Meighen Lodge, Wed., Dec. 18; Toronto Retired Officers' Residence, Thurs., Dec. 19; Hamilton Men's Social Service Centre, Fri., Dec. 20; Toronto Homeless Men's Dinner, Sat., Dec. 21; Mount Dennis, Sun., Dec. 22; Toronto Women's Receiving Home, Mon., Dec. 23; Danforth (United Holiness Meeting), Fri., Jan. 10

Colonel and Mrs. Frank Moulton, Greenwood, Sun., Dec. 22.

Colonel William Ross: Toronto Harbour Light, Sun., Dec. 15

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Wilfred Hawkes: Lindsay, Sun., Dec. 15; Picton, Sun., Dec. 29

Lieut.-Colonel Wilfred Ratcliffe: Marpole, Sun., Dec. 15; Vancouver, Sun., Dec. 22; Newton, Sun., Dec. 29.

Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Roberts: Toronto Harbour Light, Mon., Dec. 16.

Mrs. Brigadier Ernest Falle: Dovercourt, Sun. (a.m.), Dec. 15.

Mrs. Brigadier Stanley Prece: Danforth, Thurs., Jan. 9

Brigadier and Mrs. James Sloan: Saint John, Sun., Dec. 15; West Saint John, Sun., Dec. 22

Brigadier Leslie Titcombe: Prince Albert, Sat.-Sun., Dec. 14-15; Regina, Sun. (a.m.), Dec. 22.

Major Joseph Craig: Labrador City, Sat.-Tues., Dec. 14-17

Major and Mrs. Joseph Craig: East Toronto, Tues., Dec. 31 and Sun., Jan. 5

Colonel and Mrs. G. Best (R): Mount Hamilton, Sun., Dec. 22

TERRITORIAL EVANGELISTS—

Captain William Clarke: Dauphin, Sat.-Mon., Dec. 14-16; Fort Rouge, Sun., Dec. 22; Winnipeg Citadel, Sun., Dec. 29; Portage La Prairie, Sat.-Tues., Jan. 4-7; Fort Frances, Thurs.-Wed., Jan. 9-15

AC SAL meeting

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only with ACSAL but with the stewardship movement, was also lauded by Commissioner Wiseman in his opening address to the national council.

In addition to those mentioned above, national council members in attendance at the three-day meeting were: Ian Tilley, Chatham; D. Knight, Hamilton, Bermuda; A. S. Medler, Toronto; A. Gasgoigne, Saskatoon; W. C. Bennett, Calgary; H. A. French, Galt; Mrs. E. Harris, Toronto; C. W. Ede, Toronto; D. H. Nelson, Vancouver; W. Dinsdale, Ottawa; S. Stryde, Corner Brook (substituting for H. Lundrigan); V. C. Walter, Toronto; E. Sanjivi, Toronto; Mrs. B. McBride, Montreal; W. E. Judge, London; F. Bannfield, St. John's; M. Speer, Edmonton; F. Ubell, Halifax; K. Pedlar, Toronto; and L. Sampson, Vancouver. Unable to attend due to sickness were Mrs. M. Jarvis and G. Holmbeck.

16 — CAPTAIN JESSICA'S RENUNCIATION

THE story of Captain Jessica's renunciation has not its entire setting in the Old Corps, though it has a direct contact therewith. As I first remember Jessica it was in the days when force of circumstances, having little bearing on the story, had placed upon her, the oldest of the children, the management of family and household affairs, and though scarce out of her teens she had accepted this as her lot in life.

Then things seemed to be taking a turn for the better. The wheels of life appeared to be bringing in a release from Jessica's responsibilities. But Providence did not march with these events. Her lover's family affairs suddenly changed, and he found himself faced with circumstances almost similar to those from which Jessica was escaping.

There came a day, however, when both were to be called to a further renunciation. Jessica's contact with the Army had brought her to a place where she could see nothing but visions of evil such as she had never thought existed. That which had promised to be the dawning of a new spiritual day was to be the threshold of a night of renunciation beyond anything she had hitherto experienced.

Only a few years had passed, at this period of my story, since Mrs. Branwell Booth had dedicated her life to the cause of the most desolate sisterhood of the world. Jessica was not the only carefully nurtured and naturally refined girl to whom Mrs. Booth's action had

been a clarion call. With scant knowledge of the evil they went forth to combat, they armed themselves with the might of the love of God.

Of course I cannot describe the more intimate tasks to which Jessica had committed herself. She was looking at horrors — indeed, at grips with them such as tens of thousands of honest folk never imagined possible. She had to make daily contact with those who gloried in their sin and had already tired of the impulse which had placed them under Salvation Army restraints. One who was tried and tempted comes into my story.

Let me call her Molly. She had come under the care of Captain Jessica and her colleagues not entirely of her own will; had come from the pleasures of wrongdoing so little realized in their possibilities as to have an attraction hard to put aside.

Jessica was no snob, as I hope I have proved, but certain circumstances associated with Molly constituted a special claim on her interest. In the first days of their association the girl had told the officer something of her story—a lovely home; over-indulgent parents; no restraints; and a thrusting into an over-free, even wicked, company. The bare character of the "Home" was a great contrast — for we were very poor in "The Rescue Work" — and everything greatly at variance with the shameless experiences into which her unchecked escapades had led her.

I have referred to the lack of public glory in Jessica's work; all her toil was in the background. Even the weekly escorting of her charges to Army meetings was through back streets, because of the salacious obscenity of certain over-sophisticated lads and men (and women) whom they might encounter by the more public way.

One particularly glorious Sunday morning she was parading the girls to the meeting. There was always the dread that one of them would seize the opportunity to escape from the very slight restraint of the "Home" where never a bar or bolt locked them in. This morning Captain Jessica set forth with an especially hopeful feeling about Molly. A few moments of apparently appreciated talk with the girl had given her renewed hope that the message of the meeting might for ever

"Look after the others!" cried Jessica to her colleague, and she gave chase. She ran like a veritable hound of God, her sport and sprinting with her brothers serving her well now. In her heart was a spurting indignation at the culprit's deceit, for the moment sitting down on her hopeful believing. Molly and she reached the cab at the same moment. She laid her hand on the wilful girl. Sweeping the man aside and standing by the doorway of the cab, she dared them both. "You cannot! You dare not! You'll come back with me! God'll make you! Oh, Molly!"

How she expected the Divinity to help her I do not know, but a stalwart Salvationist on his way to the meeting hove in sight as the tussle was at its height. Right speedily he entered the fray. "Be off with you, you scoundrel!" he

The Old Corps

by EDWARD H. JOY

settle her controversies and set her feet upon the Rock of Safety. There was a song in the Captain's heart in tune with the music of the oncoming Army band.

All in a moment, though, her song ceased, for she saw the girl of her thoughts racing down a side street as fast as her feet could carry her, evidently making for a cab farther down the street—a man standing by the cab beckoning to the girl.

cried. "I'll expose you to the whole town!" — a not inconsiderable threat, having regard to the other man's public standing in the community. "Clear off, you!"

"Molly, Molly, you mustn't!" sobbed Jessica. "God wants you! God wants you! You can't go with him! Come back with me!"

Really there was not much option for Molly. The threats of the Salvationist had, as we say nowadays, "put the wind up" the would-be-abductor. He had not bargained for this interference and possible exposure; he was already slinking away. Jessica's alternating threats and appeals and her sobs had their effect, and Molly consented to return. So far victory was with the forces of righteousness.

The strain of that struggle and of the following days of sullen recrimination on Molly's part took toll of Jessica's strength. A hard task was made the harder, especially by the chaffing Molly received from the other girls. Greatly endangered was the trust which had been springing up in the Captain's heart, but at length the tenderness of the Holy Spirit had its will on both of them. The disappointment of the one gave way to renewed faith and the sullenness of the other gradually passed into true repentance; and Molly, putting behind her the "past of sin and shame," went forth to sin no more.

In the course of the years, Jessica sang more than one song of thanksgiving over similar rescues; God saw to it that her dedication was not fruitless. What she had laid at the feet of her Lord—husband, children, a home of her own — was given to her over and over again in the restored homes and gladdened lives of others.

(To be continued)



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